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During Counselor's farewell call Under Secretary Foreign Affairs July 8, Baruni stated he wanted impress upon him that GOL has done everything possible put US-Libyan relations on friendly basis in face much opposition in Parliament, press and among people. Said US has been great help to Libya in past and asked we continue this help at least until Libya begins receive enough revenues from oil make it self-sufficient. He asserted if Prime Minister does not have some progress on base agreement negotiations report Parliament or by time next throne speech, government will fall.

Baruni then asked Counselor whether he thought could be arranged for Prime Minister go Washington, saying he had been encouraging Kubar do so by arguing that direct contact with persons responsible would be best way impress upon them urgency of matter. Smith tried discourage Baruni by pointing out difficulty reaching quick decision in Washington because of number different agencies concerned with problem.

Comment: This first time responsible official such as Baruni has broached possibility Washington trio but suggestion has already been made by local press on several occasions.

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